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Letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the election of the President and the establishment of the Government in Kosovo issued on 6 March 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on the election of the President and the establishment of the Government in Kosovo made on 28 February 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the election by the Kosovo Assembly of the President of Kosovo, Mr. Ibrahim Rugova, and the establishment of a Government which marks an important step forward in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). It trusts that the Kosovo provisional institutions of self-government will take on in full the functions assigned to them by the constitutional framework.

The European Union underlines the importance of the transition to the consolidation and further development of the provisional institutions of self-government that now begins. The provisional institutions and community leaders, with the assistance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the European Union and the international community at large, must do their utmost to build up a democratic multi-ethnic society based on the rule of law.